

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the status of the claims to that as follows:

Claims 1-102 (canceled)

103. (previously presented) A plastic bag having an open end and a closed end, comprising:

a first side wall and a second side wall together forming a bag portion having a front face and a rear face;

a mouth distinct from said open end for accessing an interior region of said plastic bag;

a closure flap, formed separately from said first side wall and said second side wall, overlying and closing said mouth and having a region peelably attached to said front face, so that at least a portion of said closure flap is peelable from said front face across said region peelably attached to said front face for revealing said mouth, said front face remaining functionally intact; and,

a closeable region adjacent said open end of said plastic bag and distinct from said mouth and said portion of said closure flap peelable from said front face, said open end of said plastic bag being closable by a user after filling said plastic bag with contents.

104. (withdrawn) The plastic bag according to Claim 103, wherein said first side wall forms said front part of

said plastic bag and said second side wall forms a rear part of said plastic bag, said first side wall and said second side wall being substantially the same length.

105. (withdrawn) The plastic bag according to Claim 104, wherein said mouth comprises a slit formed in said front face.

106. (withdrawn) The plastic bag according to Claim 104, wherein said mouth is defined by an end edge of said first side wall.

107. (withdrawn) The plastic bag according to Claim 105, further comprising a line of weakness formed in said front face, said line of weakness being capable of being ruptured for forming said mouth.

108. (withdrawn) The plastic bag according to Claim 104, wherein said closeable region includes end parts of said first side wall and said second side wall.

109. (withdrawn) The plastic bag according to Claim 108, wherein said closeable region further includes an end part of said closure flap.

110. (currently amended) The plastic bag according to Claim 103, wherein said first side wall forms a front part of said plastic bag, said second side wall forms a rear part of said plastic bag, and said second side wall

includes an extension extending beyond said bag portion.

111. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 110, wherein said closure flap overlies a part of said first side wall and said extension of said second side wall.

112. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 111, wherein said mouth is defined by an end edge of said first side wall.

b1 113. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 110, wherein said closure flap overlies a part of said first side wall and said extension of said second side wall, and wherein said closeable region includes said extension of said second side wall and an end part of said closure flap.

114. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 103, further comprising a second flap depending via a fold from an edge of said mouth and extending into said interior region of said plastic bag.

115. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 114, wherein said second flap is attachable via an adhesive to an inside face of said second side wall.

116. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 103, wherein on said portion of said closure flap

which is peelable away, any path extending from a boundary of said portion nearest to said mouth to a boundary of said portion distant from said mouth must pass through a peelably attached region.

117. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 103, further comprising a base portion on which said plastic bag can stably stand when containing contents therein.

118. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 117, wherein said base portion comprises:

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a base panel connected along opposing sides thereof to respective said first side wall and said second side wall by first folds, said base panel further including a second fold, co-extensive with the width of said first side wall and said second side walls and substantially parallel to said first folds, said second fold dividing said base panel into a first panel leaf and a second panel leaf, so that said second fold and said first panel leaf and said second panel leaf lie between said first side wall and said second side wall with external faces of said first panel leaf and said second panel leaf being towards each other; and,

miter seals comprising a seal line extending from each end of said second fold to each said first fold, along seal lines said first side wall and said second side wall are respectively joined to said base panel.

91 119. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 117, wherein said base portion comprises a substantially rectangular base panel having opposed side edges and opposed end edges and substantially triangular end wall portions each depending along a base side thereof from a respective said opposed edge of said base panel, said base panel being connected to respective said first side wall and said second side wall by first folds coincident with said respective opposed side edges, said substantially triangular end wall portions having an apex position, when in use, above said base panel, and having side edges comprising seal lines extending between said apex and respective corners of said base portion along which said first side wall and said second side wall are respectively joined to said end wall portions.

120. (withdrawn) The plastic bag according to Claim 103, further comprising a third flap overlying and peelably attached to said first side wall or said second side wall, said third flap depending from said first side wall or said second side wall at an end of said plastic bag distant from said closure flap.

121. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 103, wherein said portion of said closure flap capable of being peeled away is defined by at least two lines of weakness along which said closure flap is torn for exposing said mouth of said plastic bag.

122. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 121, wherein said lines of weakness extend from an end edge of said closure flap to points proximate said mouth.

123. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 121, wherein said lines of weakness are perforations in said closure flap.

124. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 103, wherein said portion of said closure flap capable of being peeled away is attached to said front face by a peelable adhesive.

125. (currently amended) A plastic bag having an open end and a closed end, comprising:

a first side wall and a second side wall together forming a bag portion having a front face and a rear face;

a mouth distinct from said open end for accessing an interior region of said plastic bag;

a closure flap, formed separately from said first side wall and said second side wall, overlying and closing said mouth and having a region attached to said front face, said closure flap including at least one line of weakness defining a portion of said closure flap which does not include any part of the region attached to said front face and which said portion is able to be opened by tearing along said at least one [[said]] line of weakness for exposing said mouth of said bag; and,

a closeable region adjacent said open end of said plastic bag and distinct from said mouth and said portion of said closure flap openable by tearing, said closeable region of said open end of said plastic bag being closeable by a user after contents have been inserted into said plastic bag through said open end thereof.

126. (withdrawn) The plastic bag according to Claim 125, wherein said first side wall forms said front part of said plastic bag and said second side wall forms a rear part of said plastic bag, said first side wall and said second side wall being substantially the same length.

127. (withdrawn) The plastic bag according to Claim 126, wherein said mouth comprises a slit formed in said front face.

128. (withdrawn) The plastic bag according to Claim 126, wherein said mouth is defined by an end edge of said first side wall.

129. (withdrawn) The plastic bag according to Claim 127, further comprising a line of weakness formed in said front face, said line of weakness being capable of being ruptured for forming said mouth.

130. (withdrawn) The plastic bag according to Claim 126, wherein said closeable region includes end parts of said first side wall and said second side wall.

131. (withdrawn) The plastic bag according to Claim 130, wherein said closeable region further includes an end part of said closure flap.

132. (currently amended) The plastic bag according to Claim 125, wherein said first side wall forms ~~[[said]]~~ a front part of said plastic bag, said second side wall forms a rear part of said plastic bag, and said second side wall includes an extension extending beyond said bag portion.

133. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 132, wherein said closure flap overlies a part of said first side wall and said extension of said second side wall.

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134. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 133, wherein said mouth is defined by an end edge of said first side wall.

135. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 132, wherein said closure flap overlies a part of said first side wall and said extension of said second side wall, and wherein said closeable region includes said extension of said second side wall and an end part of said closure flap.

136. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 125, further comprising a second flap depending via a fold from an edge of said mouth and extending into said

interior region of said plastic bag.

137. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 136, wherein said second flap is attachable via an adhesive to an inside face of said second side wall.

138. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 125, further comprising a portion of said closure flap which is peelable away, any path extending from a boundary of said portion nearest to said mouth to a boundary of said portion distant from said mouth must pass through a peelably attached region.

DI 139. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 125, further comprising a base portion on which said plastic bag can stably stand when containing contents therein.

140. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 139, wherein said base portion comprises:

a base panel connected along opposing sides thereof to respective said first side wall and said second side wall by first folds, said base panel further including a second fold, co-extensive with the width of said first side wall and said second side walls and substantially parallel to said first folds, said second fold dividing said base panel into a first panel leaf and a second panel leaf, so that said second fold and said first panel leaf and said second panel leaf lie

between said first side wall and said second side wall with external faces of said first panel leaf and said second panel leaf being towards each other; and,

miter seals comprising a seal line extending from each end of said second fold to each said first fold, along seal lines said first side wall and said second side wall are respectively joined to said base panel.

DI 141. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 139, wherein said base portion comprises a substantially rectangular base panel having opposed side edges and opposed end edges and substantially triangular end wall portions each depending along a base side thereof from a respective said opposed edge of said base panel, said base panel being connected to respective said first side wall and said second side wall by first folds coincident with said respective opposed side edges, said substantially triangular end wall portions having an apex position, when in use, above said base panel, and having side edges comprising seal lines extending between said apex and respective corners of said base portion along which said first side wall and said second side wall are respectively joined to said end wall portions.

142. (withdrawn) The plastic bag according to Claim 125, further comprising a third flap overlying and peelably attached to said first side wall or said second side wall, said third flap depending from said first side wall or said

second side wall at an end of said plastic bag distant from said closure flap.

143. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 125, further comprising at least two lines of weakness along which said portion is able to be opened by tearing.

144. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 143, wherein said lines of weakness are perforations in said closure flap.

145. (previously presented) A plastic bag having an open end and a closed end, comprising:

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a first side wall and a second side wall together forming a bag portion having a front face and a rear face;

a mouth distinct from said open end for accessing an interior region of said plastic bag;

a closure flap overlying and closing said mouth and having a region peelably attached to said front face, so that at least a portion of said closure flap is peelable from said front face across said region peelably attached to said front face for revealing said mouth, said front face remaining functionally intact;

a base portion on which said plastic bag can stably stand when containing contents therein, said base portion comprising a base panel connected along opposing sides thereof to respective said first side wall and said second

side wall by first folds, said base panel further including a second fold, co-extensive with the width of said first side wall and said second side walls and substantially parallel to said first folds, said second fold dividing said base panel into a first panel leaf and a second panel leaf, so that said second fold and said first panel leaf and said second panel leaf lie between said first side wall and said second side wall with external faces of said first panel leaf and said second panel leaf being towards each other; and,

a seal line extending from each end of said second fold to each said first fold, along seal lines said first side wall and said second side wall are respectively joined to said base panel.

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146. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 145, wherein a dimension of each said first fold defined between ends of said seal lines is less than the length of said second fold.

147. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 145, wherein said base portion comprises a substantially rectangular base panel having opposed side edges and opposed end edges and substantially triangular end wall portions each depending along a base side thereof from a respective said opposed edge of said base panel, said base panel being connected to respective said first side wall and said second side wall by first folds coincident with said

respective opposed side edges, said substantially triangular end wall portions having an apex position, when in use, above said base panel, and having side edges comprising seal lines extending between said apex and respective corners of said base portion along which said first side wall and said second side wall are respectively joined to said end wall portions.

148. (withdrawn) The plastic bag according to Claim 145, wherein said first side wall forms said front part of said plastic bag and said second side wall forms a rear part of said plastic bag, said first side wall and said second side wall being substantially the same length.

149. (withdrawn) The plastic bag according to Claim 145, wherein said mouth comprises a slit formed in said front face.

150. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 145, wherein said mouth is defined by an end edge of said first side wall.

151. (withdrawn) The plastic bag according to Claim 149, further comprising a line of weakness formed in said front face, said line of weakness being capable of being ruptured for forming said mouth.

152. (currently amended) The plastic bag according to Claim 145, wherein said first side wall forms [[said]] a front part of said plastic bag, said second side wall forms a

rear part of said plastic bag, and said second side wall includes an extension extending beyond said bag portion.

153. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 152, wherein said closure flap overlies a part of said first side wall and said extension of said second side wall.

154. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 153, wherein said mouth is defined by an end edge of said first side wall.

DI 155. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 145, further comprising a second flap depending via a fold from an edge of said mouth and extending into said interior region of said plastic bag.

156. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 155, wherein said second flap is attachable via an adhesive to an inside face of said second side wall.

157. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 145, wherein on said portion of said closure flap which is peelable away, any path extending from a boundary of said portion nearest to said mouth to a boundary of said portion distant from said mouth must pass through a peelably attached region.

158. (previously presented) The plastic bag according

to Claim 145, wherein said portion of said closure flap capable of being peeled away is defined by at least two lines of weakness along which said closure flap is torn for exposing said mouth of said plastic bag.

159. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 158, wherein said lines of weakness extend from an end edge of said closure flap to points proximate said mouth.

160. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 158, wherein said lines of weakness are perforations in said closure flap.

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161. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 145, wherein said portion of said closure flap capable of being peeled away is attached to said front face by a peelable adhesive.

162. (currently amended) A plastic bag having an open end and a closed end, comprising:

a first side wall and a second side wall together forming a bag portion having a front face and a rear face;

a mouth distinct from said open end for accessing an interior region of said plastic bag;

a closure flap overlying and closing said mouth and having a region attached to said front face, said closure flap including at least one line of weakness defining a portion of said closure flap which does not include any part

of the region attached to said front face and which said portion is able to be opened by tearing along said at least one [[said]] line of weakness for exposing said mouth of said bag;

DI a base portion on which said plastic bag can stably stand when containing contents therein, said base portion comprising a base panel connected along opposing sides thereof to respective said first side wall and said second side wall by first folds, said base panel further including a second fold, co-extensive with the width of said first side wall and said second side wall and substantially parallel to said first folds, said second fold dividing said base panel into a first panel leaf and a second panel leaf, so that said second fold and said first panel leaf and said second panel leaf lie between said first side wall and said second side wall with external faces of said first panel leaf and said second panel leaf being towards each other; and,

a seal line extending from each end of said second fold to each said first fold, along seal lines said first side wall and said second side wall are respectively joined to said base panel.

163. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 162, wherein a dimension of each said first fold defined between ends of said seal lines is less than the length of said second fold.

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164. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 162, wherein said base portion comprises a substantially rectangular base panel having opposed side edges and opposed end edges and substantially triangular end wall portions each depending along a base side thereof from a respective said opposed edge of said base panel, said base panel being connected to respective said first side wall and said second side wall by first folds coincident with said respective opposed side edges, said substantially triangular end wall portions having an apex position, when in use, above said base panel, and having side edges comprising seal lines extending between said apex and respective corners of said base portion along which said first side wall and said second side wall are respectively joined to said end wall portions.

165. (withdrawn) The plastic bag according to Claim 162, wherein said first side wall forms said front part of said plastic bag and said second side wall forms a rear part of said plastic bag, said first side wall and said second side wall being substantially the same length.

166. (withdrawn) The plastic bag according to Claim 162, wherein said mouth comprises a slit formed in said front face.

167. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 162, wherein said mouth is defined by an end edge of said first side wall.

168. (withdrawn) The plastic bag according to Claim 166, further comprising a line of weakness formed in said front face, said line of weakness being capable of being ruptured for forming said mouth.

169. (currently amended) The plastic bag according to Claim 162, wherein said first side wall forms [[said]] a front part of said plastic bag, said second side wall forms a rear part of said plastic bag, and said second side wall includes an extension extending beyond said bag portion.

DL 170. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 169, wherein said closure flap overlies a part of said first side wall and said extension of said second side wall.

171. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 170, wherein said mouth is defined by an end edge of said first side wall.

172. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 162, further comprising a second flap depending via a fold from an edge of said mouth and extending into said interior region of said plastic bag.

173. (previously presented) The plastic bag according to Claim 172, wherein said second flap is attachable via an adhesive to an inside face of said second side wall.

Claims 174-178 (canceled)